

Statement on the Report of the White House Office on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

August 16, 2001

On January 29, 2001, I signed an Executive order creating Centers for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in the Departments of Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Labor, Justice, and Education. I charged each Center to conduct a Department-wide audit and identify all existing barriers to the participation of faith-based and community organizations in Federal social service programs.

Over the past 6 months, five Cabinet Offices for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives have examined administrative procedures, programs, and policies. Today the White House Office on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives reported their findings.

The report, entitled "Unlevel Playing Field," highlights the funding gap between the Government and the grassroots. It points out significant barriers organizations face in obtaining Federal support for their compassionate work. And it shows clearly how much work needs to be done to mobilize the armies of compassion.

The Cabinet Centers have done vitally important work in examining Federal social service programs. We now see exactly what kind of obstacles stand in the way of a more compassionate America. Our emphasis must always remain on getting compassionate results. We look forward to addressing these inequities through legislation, administrative action, and education. Americans in need are depending upon it.

Statement on the Death of Representative Floyd Spence

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I am deeply saddened by the loss of my friend Floyd Spence. He was a leader of great courage and determination, especially since his double-lung transplant surgery 13 years ago. As a Congressman, he will be remembered as a true friend of the men and women in our armed services and a steadfast

servant of his fellow South Carolinians. Laura and I send our prayers to his wife, Debbie, and Floyd's children and grandchildren.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

August 13

In the morning, the President traveled to Meridian, TX, and later returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

August 14

In the morning, the President traveled to Rocky Mountain National Park, CO.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Denver, CO, where he attended a Major League Baseball game at Coors Field in the evening.

The President announced his intention to designate Patrick Henry Wood III as Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

August 15

In the morning, the President traveled to Albuquerque, NM. In the evening, he returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Megawati Sukarnoputri of Indonesia to Washington for an official working visit on September 19.

August 16

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel to discuss the recent violence in the Middle East.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kevin Joseph McGuire to be Ambassador to Namibia.

The President announced his intention to nominate John Marshall to be Assistant Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development for Management.

The President announced his intention to nominate Constance Berry Newman to be Assistant Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development for the Bureau of Africa.

The President announced his intention to nominate Arden Bement, Jr., to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology at the Department of Commerce.

The President declared a major disaster in Tennessee and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning on July 27 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on July 27 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in the District of Columbia and ordered Federal aid to supplement local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and mudslides on August 10–12.

August 17

The President announced his intention to nominate Morris X. Winn to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for Administration and Resource Management.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael Smith to be Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy at the Department of Energy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Barry D. Crane to be Deputy Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy for Supply Reduction.

The President announced his intention to nominate Emmy B. Simmons to be Assistant Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development for International Economics and Agriculture.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard Clarida to be Assistant

Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jay B. Stephens to be Associate Attorney General. The President also announced that Phil Perry will serve as Acting Associate Attorney General until the confirmation of Mr. Stephens.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released August 13

Statement by the Press Secretary: On Signature of a Political Settlement in Macedonia

Released August 15

Statement by the Press Secretary: President of Indonesia To Visit Washington

Released August 16

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Kentucky

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Tennessee

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to the District of Columbia